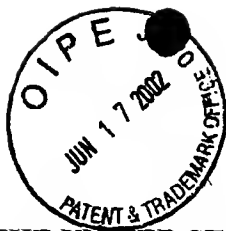


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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Li et al.)
App. No. : 09/997,551)
Filed : November 27, 2001)
For : **COMPOSITION AND METHOD**)
FOR TREATING THE OVER-)
PRODUCTION OF MUCIN IN)
DISEASES SUCH AS OTITIS)
MEDIA USING AN INHIBITOR OF)
MUC5AC)
Examiner : Unknown

ESTABLISHMENT OF RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION
AND
REVOCATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir:

The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee below (the "Assignee"). A true copy of the original Assignment of the above-captioned application from the inventors to the Assignee is attached hereto. This Assignment represents the entire chain of title of this invention from the Inventors to the Assignee.

I declare that all statements made herein are true, and that all statements made upon information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, or any patent issuing thereon.

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The undersigned hereby revokes any previous powers of attorney in the subject application, and hereby appoints the registrants of Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP, 620 Newport Center Drive, Sixteenth Floor, Newport Beach, California 92660, Telephone (949) 760-0404, **Customer No. 20,995**, as its attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith. This appointment is to be to the exclusion of the inventors and their attorney(s) in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 3.71.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Jian-Dong Li, a US citizen, residing at 3516 Fallenleaf Place, Glendale, CA 91206; David Lim, a US citizen, residing at 775 Panorama Place, Pasadena, CA 91105; Haidong Xu, a US citizen, residing at 3516 Fallenleaf Place, Glendale, CA 91206; Beinan Wang, a US citizen, residing at 245 W Loraine St., #234, Glendale, CA 91202; Tsuyoshi Shuto, a Japanese citizen, residing at Honjo-cho 761-1, Kumamoto, 860-0816 Japan; Carol Basbaum, a US citizen, residing at 82 Fernwood Drive, San Francisco, CA 94127; and, Young S. Kim, a US citizen, residing at, 2920 Churchill Drive, Hillsborough, CA 94010, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a **COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR TREATING THE OVER-PRODUCTION OF MUCIN IN DISEASES SUCH AS OTITIS MEDIA USING AN INHIBITOR OF MUC5AC** for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, 09/997,551 November 27, 2001;

AND WHEREAS, House Ear Institute (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a Corporation, with its principal place of business at 2100 West Third Street, Los Angeles, California 90057, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all provisional applications relating thereto, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

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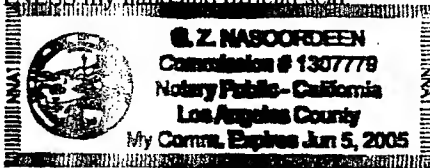
Jian-Dong Li
Jian-Dong Li

STATE OF California }
COUNTY OF Los Angeles } SS.

On May 6, 2002, before me, G. Z. Nasoordeen, personally appeared Jian-Dong Li personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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G. Z. Nasoordeen
Notary Signature

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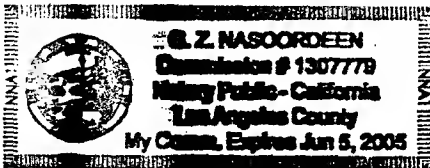
David Lim
David Lim

STATE OF California }
COUNTY OF Los Angeles } SS.

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WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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Notary Signature

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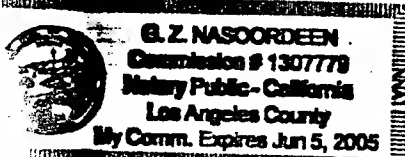
Haidong Xu
Haidong Xu

STATE OF California
COUNTY OF Los Angeles ss.

On May 6, 2002, before me, G. Z. Nasoordeen, personally appeared Haidong Xu personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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G. Z. Nasoordeen
Notary Signature

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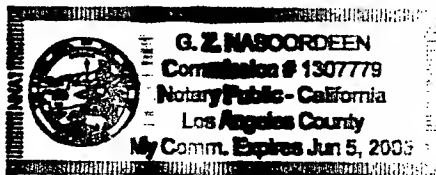
Beinan Wang
Beinan Wang

STATE OF California
COUNTY OF Los Angeles ss.

On May 6, 2002, before me, G. Z. Nasoordeen, personally appeared Beinan Wang personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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G. Z. Nasoordeen
Notary Signature

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Witness

Tsuyoshi Shuto

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of MAY, 2002

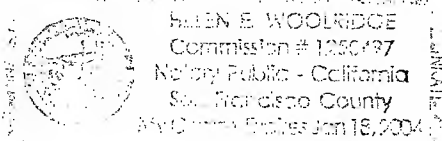
CBasbaum
Carol Basbaum

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On May 10, 2002, before me, HELEN E. WOOLDRIDGE, ^{NOTARY PUBLIC}, personally appeared Carol Basbaum personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her authorized capacity, and that by her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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Helen E. Wooldrige
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of MAY, 2002

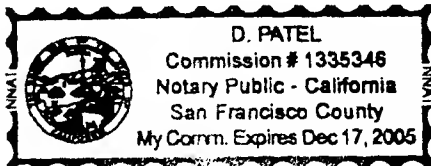
Young S. Kim
Young S. Kim

STATE OF
COUNTY OF ss.

On May 15, 2002, before me, Devendra M. Patel, ^{Notary Public}, personally appeared Young S. Kim personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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